EPA Region 8 Superfund Site Assessment Program Hot Topics for ECOS Fall Meeting

Montana (Tracy Stone-Manning)

Columbia Falls Aluminum Smelter Site Reassessment. A 2013 EPA site reassessment found that this site is eligible for placement on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). The community is interested in site redevelopment and is encouraging swift action by EPA and MDEQ under either State or Federal authorities. MDEQ initiated negotiations with the current site owner to conduct additional site investigations under state Superfund authorities, and if this fails, MDEQ will support federal NPL Listing.

Utah (Amanda Smith and Brad Johnson)

Sugarhouse Park PCE Plume. A Salt Lake City municipal well in Sugarhouse Park is contaminated with perchloroethylene (PCE) above the Safe Drinking Water Act MCL. The EPA is discussing options for the site including NPL designation with UDEQ and Salt Lake City officials while conducting additional investigations to determine if vapor intrusion is a significant exposure pathway.

Wyoming (Todd Parfitt)

Ferris Haggarty Mine Site. The EPA is reassessing environmental impacts from this abandoned copper mine since state mine reclamation activities have concluded. Wyoming has designated Haggarty Creek below the mine as an impaired water for metals contamination as a result of mining.